

Chapter FD 1

LICENSES AND PERMITS

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Note: Chapter FDE 1 was renumbered chapter FD 1 under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 1., Stats., [Register, September, 1993, No. 453](#).

FD 1.01 Authority and intent. This chapter is adopted pursuant to authority of ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 and 445.03, Stats., to clarify and establish licensure criteria for funeral directors and funeral establishments.

History: Cr. [Register, July, 1988, No. 391](#), eff. 8-1-88.

FD 1.02 Examination applications. Applications for taking the examination for a funeral director must be on file at least 30 days before the date of the examination. The board may accept applications after the 30-day limit if the circumstances warrant such procedure.

Note: Application forms are available upon request to the board office located at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

Note: An otherwise qualified applicant with a disability shall be provided with reasonable accommodations.

History: Cr. [Register, June, 1978, No. 270](#), eff. 7-1-78; renum. from FDE 2.01, [Register, July, 1988, No. 391](#), eff. 8-1-88; am., [Register, November, 1998, No. 515](#), eff. 12-1-98.

FD 1.03 Examination grade. (1) To pass the initial licensure examination each applicant shall receive a grade determined by the board to represent minimum competence to practice. The board shall determine the passing grade after consultation with subject matter experts who have reviewed a representative sample of the examination questions and available candidate performance statistics, and shall set the passing grade for the examination at that point which represents minimum acceptable competence in the profession.

(2) The release of grades or the issuance of a funeral director license may be denied if the board determines that an applicant violated the rules of conduct of the examination or otherwise acted dishonestly.

History: Cr. [Register, July, 1988, No. 391](#), eff. 8-1-88; r. and recr., [Register, November, 1998, No. 515](#), eff. 12-1-98.

FD 1.035 Examination review. (1) An applicant who fails the state board examination may request a review of that examination by filing a written request with the board within 30 days of the date on which the examination results were mailed.

(2) Examination reviews are by appointment only.

(3) The time for review shall be limited to 4 hours.

(4) An applicant may not be accompanied during the review by any person other than the proctor.

(5) An applicant shall be provided with a copy of the questions, a copy of the applicant's answer sheet and a copy of the master answer sheet.

(6) An applicant may review the examination in the presence of a proctor. An applicant shall be provided with a form on which to write comments, questions or claims of error regarding any items in the examination. Bound reference books shall be permitted. An applicant shall not remove any notes from the area. Notes shall be retained by the proctor and made available to the applicant for use at a hearing, if desired. The proctor shall not defend the examination nor attempt to refute claims of error during the review.

(7) An applicant may not review the examination more than once.

History: Cr. [Register, November, 1998, No. 515](#), eff. 12-1-98.

FD 1.04 Two academic years of instruction. To meet the requirements of 2 academic years of instruction specified in s. 445.045 (1) (d), Stats., an applicant must submit to the board an official transcript of courses from a college or university recognized by the north central association of colleges and secondary schools, showing that the applicant has completed at least the semester credit hours shown below in the following areas:

	Minimum Semester Credit Hours
(1) English & Speech	6
(2) Social Sciences such as:	12
(a) Psychology	
(b) History	
(c) Sociology	
(d) Political Science	
(e) Economics	
(3) Natural Sciences such as:	15
(a) Anatomy	
(b) Physiology	
(c) Chemistry	
(d) Microbiology	
(e) Biology	
(f) Bacteriology	
(4) Business Studies	13
(5) Electives	14
TOTAL —	60

History: Cr. [Register, June, 1978, No. 270](#), eff. 7-1-78; r. and recr. (4), r. (5) and renum. (6) to be (5), [Register, June, 1979, No. 282](#), eff. 7-1-79; am. [Register, January, 1980, No. 289](#), eff. 2-1-80; renum. from FDE 2.03 and am., [Register, July, 1988, No. 391](#), eff. 8-1-88.

FD 1.05 Mortuary school. The following shall be accepted as compliance with s. 445.045 (1) (e), Stats. The candidate shall have satisfactorily completed 9 months or more instruction in a prescribed curriculum in funeral service education offered by an educational institution accredited by the American board of funeral service education or otherwise deemed to be equivalent by the funeral directors examining board.

History: Cr. [Register, June, 1978, No. 270](#), eff. 7-1-78; renum. from FDE 2.04 and am., [Register, July, 1988, No. 391](#), eff. 8-1-88; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 6., Stats., [Register, December, 1989, No. 408](#).

FD 1.06 Proof of academic training. The following shall be accepted by the board as proof that the academic training requirements of s. 445.095 (1) (a), Stats., concerning registration as an apprentice funeral director or embalmer have been met: A signed statement by the registrar of any college or university recognized by the north central association of colleges and secondary

schools that the applicant has successfully completed one academic year of instruction in the college or university or has an equivalent education which will permit admission to the college or university with sophomore status.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1978, No. 270, eff. 7-1-78; r. (2), Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; renum. from FDE 2.05 and am., Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88.

FD 1.07 Apprenticeship credit. (1) An apprentice certified under s. 445.095 (1), Stats., shall be granted credit toward the term of his or her apprenticeship for a period of employment of no less than 40 hours in each of 2 consecutive weeks. However, credit for a shorter period of employment may be approved if an apprentice submits evidence satisfactory to the board that an exception be made.

(2) An apprentice may receive credit for no more than 9 embalming in any one quarter of his or her apprenticeship. At the conclusion of an apprenticeship, an apprentice shall have completed a total of 25 embalming.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1983, No. 335, eff. 12-1-83; renum. from FDE 2.135, Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; CR 01-063: renum. to be (1) and cr. (2), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 12-1-01.

FD 1.08 Permits. (1) Before opening for business, and every 2 years thereafter, a funeral establishment operator shall obtain a permit from the board through application upon a form furnished by the board. An original permit may not be granted to an operator of a funeral establishment without an inspection. No permit may be granted to a funeral establishment which does not meet requirements in s. 445.01, Stats.

(2) Prior to granting a permit to a licensed funeral establishment following a change in ownership, the board shall review the application to determine if an inspection is necessary.

(3) A funeral establishment permit is not transferable from one premises to another or from one operator to another.

Note: Application forms are available upon request to the board office located at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1978, No. 270, eff. 7-1-78; am. (1), renum. (2) to be (3) and am., cr. (2), Register, May, 1983, No. 329, eff. 6-1-83; cr. (4), Register, July, 1986, No. 367, eff. 8-1-86; renum. from FDE 2.10 and r. (4), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88.

FD 1.09 Preparation rooms. (1) Every installation used for embalming operations must contain a floor area of not less than 100 square feet per embalming table and must be used solely for this purpose. It must be isolated by walls or adequate partitions. The walls and furniture must be constructed of material that is easily washed and disinfected. The installation must be equipped with hot and cold running water supply under pressure and in a quantity sufficient for the operations performed therein as well as for cleaning the room. Waste water must flow into the main sewer if available or into an adequate septic tank. Hand washing facilities should be easily accessible.

(2) All preparation rooms in funeral establishments must be equipped with adequate sanitary facilities so that no health hazards are produced as a result of embalming operations performed therein.

(3) All preparation rooms shall be equipped with a ventilating system capable of expelling gases or fumes to the outside at a point so as not to create a nuisance, and shall also be equipped with a

hard surface, metal or porcelain top embalming table, a set of essential embalming instruments and a supply of disinfectants.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88.

FD 1.10 Requirements for renewal; restoration of licenses. (1) To renew a funeral director license a licensee shall, by January 1 of each even-numbered year following initial licensure, provide all of the following to the board:

(a) An application for renewal on a form provided by the department.

(b) Evidence that the licensee has, during the biennial period immediately preceding application, completed the continuing education requirements specified in s. FD 4.03.

(c) A fee in the amount required under s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats.

(2) A licensee who fails to meet the requirements of sub. (1) by the renewal date shall cease and desist from practicing as a funeral director. A licensee who fails to meet the requirements of sub. (1) and who applies for renewal less than 5 years after the expiration date of his or her license may renew by furnishing the following to the board:

(a) An application for renewal on a form provided by the department.

(b) Evidence that the licensee has completed at least 15 hours of continuing education during the previous 2 year licensure period as required under s. 445.06, Stats., and s. FD 4.03.

(c) The renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a) and (3) (a), Stats.

(3) A funeral director who files an application for renewal more than 5 years after the expiration date of his or her license may be reinstated by filing with the board an application and fees specified in s. 440.08 (2) and (3) (a), Stats. The board may also require demonstration of competence by various methods, including, but not limited to, written or oral examination, documentation of funeral directing work in other jurisdictions, or documentation of current education or experience in the field. Any examination or education required under this section shall not be more extensive than the educational or examination requirements for an initial credential from the board.

(4) The time limitations prescribed in this section shall not include the service period of a funeral director as an active member of the U.S. armed forces.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1993, No. 453, eff. 10-1-93; r. and recr. (1) and (2), am. (3), Register, November, 1998, No. 515, eff. 12-1-98.

FD 1.11 Renewal of Wisconsin licenses of out-of-state funeral directors. (1) **INTENT.** The intent of the board in adopting this section is to clarify the board's interpretation of s. 445.06, Stats., that a licensee seeking renewal of a funeral director's license who is doing business at a legally operating funeral establishment in a jurisdiction outside the state of Wisconsin and who meets all other requirements for license may obtain a funeral director's license.

(2) **RECOGNIZED FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT.** For purposes of renewal of licenses under s. 445.06, Stats., "recognized funeral establishment" means any building or part of a building used and held out to the public as being used in the care and preparation for burial and transportation of dead human bodies or for holding or conducting of funeral services.

History: Renum. from FD 2.12 and am. (2), Register, November, 1998, No. 515, eff. 12-1-98.